



*This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.*

## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

## Fishing Permit and Regulations

### General Information

The Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) fishing season begins in mid-April and ends in mid-October. Contact the Visitor Center staff or check the Refuge website for exact dates. Fishing is permitted on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. The Refuge gate closes at 6:00 pm.

### For the protection of wildlife, habitat, and other visitors, please observe the following regulations:

- Park vehicles in designated parking areas.
- Stay on designated trails and obey all posted signs.
- Dispose of all trash in waste cans.
- Discard used fishing line in recycling stations at Lake Mary, Lake Ladora, or the Information Kiosk.

### The following are prohibited:

- Disturbance to wildlife or their habitat.
- Collecting, removing, or disturbing any animal, plant, or historic object.
- Swimming.
- Use or possession of alcohol or any controlled substances.
- Pets (with the exception of assistance animals).

### License Requirements

- A Colorado fishing or small game combination license is required for all persons 16 years of age or older who are fishing.
- Anglers 16 years of age and older must have this Fishing Permit signed, and a \$3.00 daily fishing fee receipt while fishing on the Refuge.
- All anglers, including children under the age of 16, are required to have a second rod stamp if using two poles.
- Daily fishing permits are available at the information kiosk and fee station. If paying by check, please write your driver's license number on the check and make your check payable to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

### Fishing Regulations

- Lake Mary and Lake Ladora are open only to catch and release fishing. All anglers must use a rod and reel or fly-fishing rod.
- Anglers must use only barbless hooks (all barbs must be clipped, filed off, or pressed flat).
- Only artificial bait, including lures and flies, can be used while fishing in Refuge lakes.
- No chumming, gigging, snagging, seining, or netting of non-hooked fish is permitted.
- Anglers with disabilities may use special casting aids and fishing devices.

### Lake Mary Regulations

- All cattail peninsulas are closed to protect wildlife habitat.
- Wading is prohibited.

### Lake Ladora Regulations

- Wading with calf, hip, or chest waders is allowed after Memorial Day until the end of fishing season.
- Fishing is prohibited east of the floating buoys and from the floating boardwalk.

### Lake and Fish Information

- Lake Mary is the smallest lake on the Refuge and is 8.4 acres in size and 12.4 feet deep. Species in this lake are largemouth bass, channel catfish, white and black crappie, bluegill, and yellow perch.
- Lake Ladora is the largest lake on the Refuge and is 54.9 acres in size and 17.6 feet deep. Fish species in this lake are northern pike, largemouth bass, and bluegill.

### Accessibility

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#### General Fishing Permit

I have read and understand these Refuge fishing regulations. I understand that this permit and regulations must be carried at all times when fishing on the Refuge.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

